Founder's Day

1987

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Dr. Robert Speirs

Dr. Robert Speirs was Headmaster of Selwyn House School from 1945-1971 - a span of twenty-six years. During this time the School moved from Redpath Street to its present location. Also, Grades 10 and 11 were added so that a boy could stay at the School for his complete Elementary and Secondary education. Dr. Speirs was a wonderful person who touched all those around him. He impressed upon the boys the value and pleasure of warmth in human relations. Dr. Speirs will be remembered as one of the great Headmasters of Selwyn House.

The Speirs Medal

The Speirs Medal is presented each year at Founder's Day to the person who the Board of Directors of the School feel has made a significant contribution to the Selwyn House Community over the years.

Recipients of the Speirs Medal

1986

Mr. William Hingston Daly

1985

Mr. Edgar C. Moodey

1984

Mr. F. Gordon Phillips

1983

Mr. David M. Culver

1982

Honourable G. Miller Hyde

Mrs. C. I. Markland

Mrs. Markland joined the staff in 1943 and soon established herself as a proficient and exacting teacher. In 1950 she succeeded Miss Afra Snead as Headmistress, and under Dr. Speirs was entrusted with the internal autonomy which Mr. Wanstall had established. During the next two decades, with Mrs. Markland's devoted direction, the Junior School grew greatly in numerical strength, and broadened its scope.

Soon after she had re-married she would have retired, but yielded to Mr. Troubetzkoy's expressed need for her valuable services during his first year. She eventually handed over the Junior School to Mrs. Pat Marsh in 1972.

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Portraits of the Speirs Medal Recipients and other Selwyn House memorabilia are on display in the Red Room.

Programme

Welcome to members of the Selwyn House Community

Mr. William Mitchell

The Headmaster

Contact '88

Mr. William Hesler

Chairman of the Endowment Fund

Presentation of the Speirs Medal

Mr. Timothy Carsley

Past Chairman of the Board of Directors

to

Mrs. C. I. Markland

Captain Algernon Lucas

Captain Lucas was born in England on the 7th of November, 1889. He graduated from Selwyn College, Cambridge, in 1903, after which he came to Canada and taught at a school in Brockville.

In 1908, Captain Lucas started Lucas School with seven pupils in a small flat on Crescent Street. Within two years the School moved into a house on MacKay Street.

Captain Lucas transferred ownership of the School to Mr. Macaulay in 1912, in order to pursue a career as an insurance broker. In 1914, Captain Lucas went to England and secured a commission in the Life Guards. He was wounded in France and, whilst convalescing in Ireland, was killed by a sniper's bullet in 1916.

Mr. Colin Campbell Macaulay

Mr. Macaulay arrived in Montreal in September, 1911. He was an old friend of Captain Lucas as they had obtained their degrees from Selwyn College at the same time. Mr. Macaulay taught at Lower Canada College for a year before taking over the Lucas School from Captain Lucas. It was the common Alma Mater of the first two Headmasters that led to Mr.Macaulay renaming the School Selwyn House.

Mr. Macaulay retired in 1929. He returned to England where he died in 1958 at the age of 83.

In this its seventy-ninth year, the School has grown to its present size of 510 pupils and now occupies two buildings in Westmount.

In honour of Captain Lucas and Mr. Macaulay, and in celebration of the opening of the new building in 1986, two plaques were unveiled. The Macaulay plaque, donated by the Graduates of '86, was designated for the new building, the Lucas Plaque for the main building.